



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending October 16, 2005, heavy rainfall across much of the south and west slowed harvest but aided wheat germination and fall growth, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Producer concerns include storage space for harvested crops with grain being piled on the ground at elevators and on some farms.

Weather Summary: Temperatures ranged from 1 degree below normal to 5 degrees above. Precipitation was recorded across the state, with portions of the Panhandle and southwest receiving amounts in excess of two inches.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending October 16, 2005**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	9	21	11	25
Short	29	35	28	30
Adequate	61	44	60	44
Surplus	1	0	1	1
Subsoil				
Very Short	20	29	32	45
Short	36	32	34	30
Adequate	44	39	34	25
Surplus	0	0	0	0
Days Suitable	5.0	6.2	5.4	6.0

Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 8 poor, 21 fair, 44 good, and 23 excellent. Irrigated fields rated 83 percent good or excellent while dryland fields rated 39. Corn harvest advanced to 43 percent complete, ahead of last year at 29 but on pace with the average.

Soybean harvest progressed to 89 percent, ahead of 78 last year and nearly one week ahead of 75 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 8 poor, 26 fair, 48 good, and 14 excellent. Ninety-six percent of the crop had matured, ahead of 87 last year and 95 for the average. Sorghum harvest moved to 42 percent, ahead of last year at 28 but behind the average at 49.

Wheat seeding neared completion at 96 percent, ahead of 95 last year and near the average at 97. Eighty-four percent of the wheat crop had emerged, in line with 83 last year and 85 for the average.

Ninety percent of the dry bean crop had been harvested, ahead of 66 last year and the average at 89.

Proso millet harvest continued at 87 percent, ahead of last year at 68 but behind the average at 89.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 16, 2005

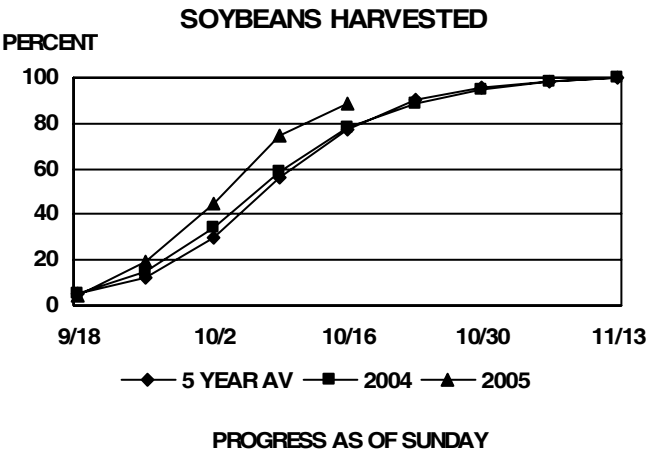
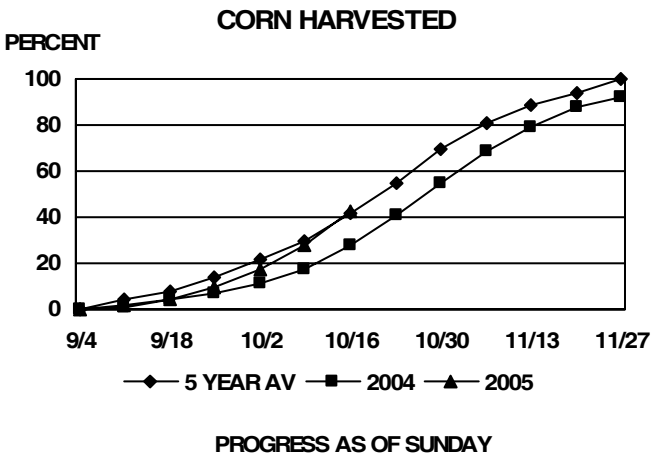
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Corn Harvested	43	28	29	43
Sorghum Mature	96	92	87	95
Sorghum Harvested	42	23	28	49
Soybeans Harvested	89	75	78	75
Wheat Seeded	96	92	95	97
Wheat Emerged	84	70	83	85

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 16, 2005

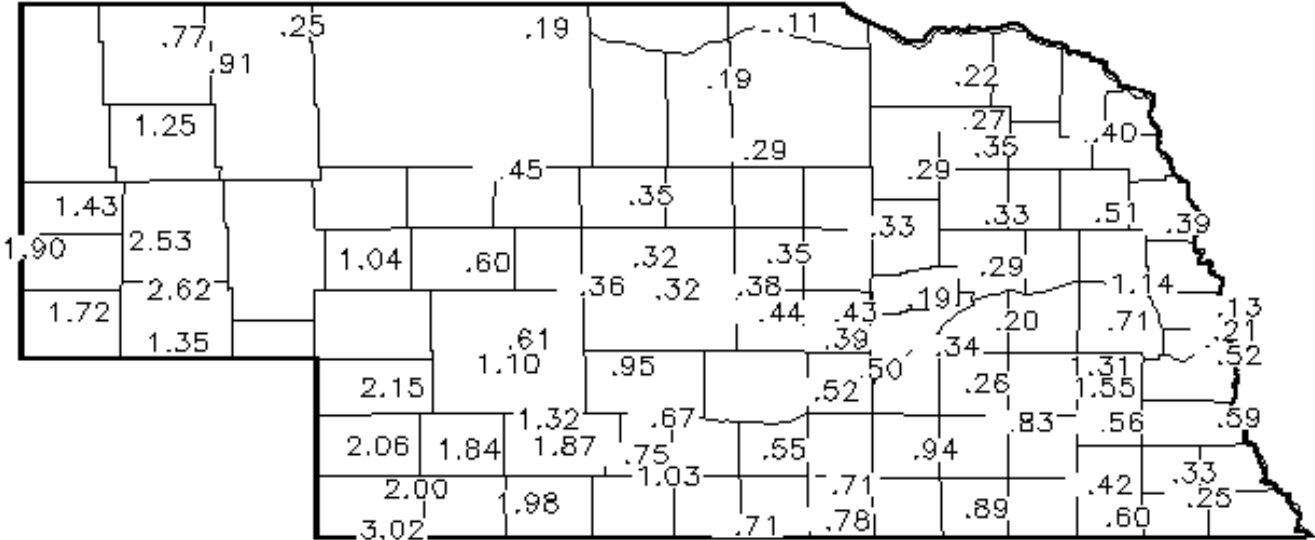
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Corn	4	8	21	44	23
Sorghum	4	8	26	48	14

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 11 percent very poor, 21 poor, 33 fair, 32 good, and 3 excellent. Conditions remain better than last year and the average. Cattle were being moved to stalks as they became available.

This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm. For those receiving an e-mail text version of this publication, a complete version including crop progress charts and precipitation maps can be found at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/2005.htm>



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. October 16, 2005



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – October 16, 2005

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	1.61	.23	.34	.40	.51	1.94	.93	.56
Total since April 1	17.97	22.42	23.04	19.08	18.64	17.06	16.80	20.33
Normal since April 1	13.50	17.33	20.28	19.09	22.25	16.17	18.89	23.36
Total as % of normal	134%	130%	114%	99%	84%	106%	89%	87%

Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, October 16, 2005

Station		Temperature			
		Extremes		Average	Departure
		High	Low		
NW	Alliance	78	37	51	+1
	Scottsbluff	79	32	52	+2
	Sidney	78	35	51	+1
NC	Ainsworth	76	37	55	+2
	Arthur	73	37	52	0
	O'Neill	76	37	55	+2
NE	Concord	76	37	55	+2
	Elgin	75	37	56	+2
	West Point	80	36	55	0
C	Grand Island	82	39	57	+3
	Lexington	80	38	55	+2
	Ord	77	34	54	+1
EC	Lincoln	84	39	58	+2
	Central City	84	35	56	+2
	Mead	85	31	55	-1
SW	Champion	77	31	52	-1
	North Platte	78	35	54	+1
	Curtis	79	35	54	+2
SC	Smithfield	81	38	55	+2
	Minden	84	38	57	+4
	Red Cloud	84	41	58	+5
SE	Beatrice	85	38	58	+2
	Clay Center	85	43	58	+5
	Nemaha	86	40	61	+5

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center and Nebraska State Climate Office

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